

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 13, 16, 25 and 30 have been amended by this paper. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and drawings. For example, see page 6, ll. 17-21 of the specification and Fig. 1 of the drawings.

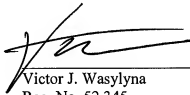
Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit recently held that the machine-or-transformation test controls the analysis of process claims under § 101. *See In re Bilski*, 545 F.3d 943, 956 (Fed. Cir. 2008). Pursuant to the machine-or-transformation test, a claimed process “is surely patent-eligible under § 101 if: (1) it is tied to a particular machine or apparatus, or (2) it transforms a particular article into a different state or thing.” *Id.* at 954 (emphasis added).

The claims of the present patent application are directed to a process for imaging anatomical tissue using an ultrasound transducer. Therefore, the claims of the present patent application are tied to a machine/apparatus, namely the ultrasound transducer, and, as such, satisfy the Federal Circuit’s machine-or-transformation test.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-32 under § 101 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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